

# Gumnut Crochet

## Designs from Aus

**Surf Life Saving Koala – takes 4 hours to make, great for charity**



### Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x 50 gram – light grey
- 4 ply cotton yarn x 50 gram – red
- 4 ply cotton yarn x small quantity – yellow
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity - black
- Size 3.25 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker x 1
- Polyfill
- 15mm safety eyes x 2

### Finished Size

- 24 cm if using 3.25 mm hook
- 20 cm if using 3.00 mm hook

### Skill Level

- Suitable for a beginner
- A beginner who has access to google and u-tube, should be able to complete this project
- with some research into any stitches or steps which are unfamiliar

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### Gauge

- Gauge is not critical to this project
- Different yarn type and different ply will change size

### Stitches Used – US Terminology

- Sc – single crochet
- Ch – chain
- 2 sc in next sc – sc increase
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Sc dec – sc decrease
- Sc inc – sc increase

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### Legs– Make 2

*In body colour*

R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc

R3. (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc

R4. (sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R5. sc in each back loop – 24 sc

R6-10. Sc in each sc - 24 sc

Fasten off. Using red yarn

R11-15. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

*Fasten off, leaving a long tail on the first leg to sew up gap between legs, Fill lightly.*

*For second leg, do not fasten off, but join legs together as below*

**Join legs - In red yarn-**

R16. Sl st to second leg, sc in same st, sc 23 around second leg, join again to first leg, sc 23 around first leg – 48 sc

R17-21. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

*Fasten off. In yellow yarn*

R22-26. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

R27. (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc dec) – 42 sc

R28. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc dec) – 36 sc

R29. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc dec) – 32 sc

R30. (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc dec) – 28 sc

R31. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc dec) – 24 sc

R32. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec) – 18 sc

R33. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

*The koala is a small bear-like, tree-dwelling, herbivorous marsupial which lives on the east coast of Australia. Its thick grey fur protects it from the heat and from rain.*

*Koalas live in societies, and are fussy eaters. They only eat a few varieties of gum leaves which makes them vulnerable when their habitat is destroyed. They are considered to be critically endangered.*

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*Fasten off, weave in ends. Fill piece as work progresses.*

### Head – in body colour

- R34. Sc in each sc – 18 sc  
R35. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc inc) – 24 sc  
R36. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc inc) – 30 sc  
R37. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc inc) – 36 sc  
R38. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc inc) – 42 sc  
R39. (Sc in next 6 sc, sc inc) – 48 sc  
R40. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc inc) – 54 sc  
R41-46. Sc in each sc - 54 sc

*Insert eyes, 10 sc apart*

- R47. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc dec) – 48 sc  
R48. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc dec) – 42 sc  
R49. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc dec) – 36 sc  
R50. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc dec) – 30 sc  
R51. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc dec) – 24 sc  
R52. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec) – 12 sc  
R53. (sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends*

### Muzzle - Black

- R1. Ch 6, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, continuing on opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc – 14 sc  
R2. 2sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc – 20 sc  
R3-5. Sc in each sc – 20 sc

*Variation: If making for a child under the age of 3, embroider eyes rather than using safety eyes.*

*Variation: to make a doll rather than a Koala, leave off the muzzle and the ears*

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Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing nose to head. Fill without stretching stitches. Sew to face, centred between eyes.

### Surf Cap – in red yarn

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc
- R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R4. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc inc) – 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc inc) – 30 sc
- R6. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc inc) – 36 sc
- R7. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc inc) – 42 sc
- R8. (Sc in next 6 sc, sc inc) – 48 sc
- R9. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc inc) – 54 sc
- R10-13. Sc in each sc - 54 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew cap to head. Position ears and sew to cap prior to sewing cap to head.

### Ears – Make 2 – in light grey yarn

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc
- R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc
- R3. (1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R4. (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R5-10. Sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R11. (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each sc around – 22 sc

### **Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA)**

SLSA is an Australian not for profit, community organisation that promotes water safety and provides surf rescue services.

SLSA's mission is to provide a safe beach and aquatic environment throughout Australia, through patrolling beaches, education, coastal risk assessments and training.

Since 1907, surf lifesavers have rescued over 615,000 beachgoers. Their iconic uniforms are visible on many Australian beaches.

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*Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing ear to cap. Do not fill. Firstly whip stitch edges of ear together and then position on cap. Put a slight curve in the ear when stitching. Sew cap to head*

### **Arms – Make 2**

*In main colour*

R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc

R4-7. Sc in each sc - 18 sc

*Fasten off, change to yellow yarn*

R8-14. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

R15. (Sc in next sc, sc dec) – 12 sc

R16. Sc in each sc - 12 sc

*Fill without stretching stitches*

R17. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc dec) – 9 sc

R18. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

*Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew arm to body. Fill. Whip stitch edges together. Sew to body. Whip stitch arms, stuff lightly at top of arm, Sew to body when completed*

